GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Civil Supplies – Stocks of rice and paddy seized from rice mills in Nalgonda, East Godavari, West Godavari, Nizamabad and Rangareddy – Orders of the Collectors of the respective districts as Quasi Judicial authorities under Section 6 A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 entrusting available raw rice and resultant rice out of paddy seized to the Civil Supplies Corporation for release through Public Distribution System – Involvement of additional subsidy for distributing the seized stock of rice compared to drawal from FCI to an extent of Rs.77.17 crores – Request of AP State Civil Supplies Corporation for providing additional subsidy – Representation before the Collectors concerned about non-requirement of seized stocks by the AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. – Orders – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No 45

Dated 7.11.2008 Read the following:

- 1. No. PDS.6/16/8700/2008 dated 24.10.2008 of the Vice Chairman & Managing Director of AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of the Group of Ministers held on 3.11.08.

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ORDER:

The Vice Chairman and Managing Director, AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. vide reference first read above has brought to the notice of the Government that the Collectors of East Godavari, West Godavari, Nizamabad, Nalgonda and Rangareddy, as Quasi-Judicial authorities, under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, have passed interim disposal of stocks of rice and resultant rice from paddy seized from the rice mills in the respective districts for disposal through Public Distribution System. She has also informed that (1) the total quantity of paddy seized is 1,80,843.791 tonnes and out of the paddy milled, a quantity of 2617.174 tonnes of raw rice has been taken delivery (2) the Corporation has to deposit the value of the rice seized and the resultant rice of paddy with the respective District Collectors under the appropriate Revenue Head of Account,(3) the cost of seized rice and resultant rice from paddy works out to Rs.180.92 crores. She has further informed that since 5 lakh tonnes of rice will be available from the Govt. of India under APL to meet the requirements of rice for the remaining period of 2008-09, the seized stocks will not be required for meeting the PDS requirements and other welfare schemes; the cost of raw rice out of seized paddy would work out to Rs.14616 per tonne whereas the purchase price of APL rice from FCI is Rs.8383 per tonne and therefore, drawal of resultant raw rice from seized stock of paddy would cost Rs. 6233 per quintal and the additional burden on taking delivery of seized raw rice and the resultant raw rice from seized paddy would be about Rs.77.15 crores and requested the Government for sanction of this additional expenditure or loss in case seized raw rice and resultant rice from paddy seized have to be lifted instead of rice from FCI at APL rate.

2. The above proposal of the Vice Chairman and Managing Director, AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. has been examined in consultation with the Finance Department and the matter was also discussed in the meeting of the Group of Ministers held on 3.11.08 and it is decided that in view of the availability of required rice for PDS from the Food Corporation of India and involvement of additional expenditure of Rs.77.15 crores in purchasing seized stock of rice and the resultant rice from seized paddy as ordered by the Collectors of East Godavari, West Godavari, Nizamabad, Nalgonda and Rangareddy compared to drawing rice from the FCI at APL rate, there is no need for further drawing the seized stock of rice/resultant rice from paddy and the AP State Civil Supplies Corporation shall inform this to the Collectors concerned, who are quasi-judicial authorities under Section 6 A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 for further action. The stock already taken over and milled would have to be paid nonetheless.

3. The Vice Chairman and Managing Director, AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. Hyderabad shall inform the Government of the action taken in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH).

SANJAY JAJU, EX OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Hyderabad.

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Copy to the PS to Minister for Finance.

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the PS to Minister for Agriculture.

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER